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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US-UK AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS--FIFTH ROUND
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1. FINAL SESSION OF FIFTH ROUND MORNING, APRIL 22, DEVOTED
TO INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES ON VARIOUS
TARIFF/RATE ARTICLE ISSUES AND TO A REVIEW OF PRECEDING
FOUR WEEKS' WORK. SESSION WAS ESSENTIALLY A REITERATION OF
AND A RESTING ON RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON VARIOUS UNRESOLVED
NEGOTIATING ISSUES. UK SIDE ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF LAKER

AIRWAYS' LOW-COST, NO-RESERVATION SERVICE AND EXPRESSED UK DESIRE THAT LAKER BE GRANTED EARLY US AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THIS SERVICE. BOTH SIDES RESIGNED THAT UNRESOLVED ISSUES-- HONG KONG AND CARIBBEAN ROUTES, NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES AND CAPACITY, TARIFFS AND RATES, AND VARIOUS TECHNICAL MATTERS-- WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED DURING NEXT ROUND IN LONDON IN MAY. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD ATTEMPT IN MEANTIME TO SETTLE THOSE ISSUES THAT CAN BE SETTLED BY CORRESPONDENCE OR BY OTHER INFORMAL CONTACTS.

2. AT JOINT PRESS BRIEFING AT DEPT FOLLOWING FINAL SESSION US AND UK DEL CHAIRMEN EMPHASIZED THE PROGRESS THAT HAD

BEEN MADE SO FAR (E.G., CONCLUSION OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT ON US-BERMUDA ROUTES, AGREEMENT ON MOST TECHNICAL ARTICLES OF NEW AGREEMENT) AND NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES CLOSER ON MAJOR ISSUES OF CAPACITY AND NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES. BRIEF MENTION WAS MADE OF FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CARIBBEAN-US AND HONG KONG-US ROUTES, BUT PRESS CORPS DID NOT FOLLOW UP ON THIS. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE QUESTIONING ON NATURE OF REMAINING DIFFERENCES, AND UKDEL CHAIRMAN UNFORTUNATELY MAY HAVE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS VIRTUAL AGREEMENT ON SUCH THINGS AS NORTH ATLANTIC CAPACITY AND THAT NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES IS ONLY UNRESOLVED MAJOR ISSUE.

3. PREDICTABLY, QUESTIONS OF WHAT HAPPENS IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY JUNE 22 WHEN PRESENT AGREEMENT TERMINATES AND CONCORDE WERE RAISED. CONCERNING CONCORDE, UKDEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIRMAN INDICATED THAT UK HAD REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE ON CONCORDE NY LEGAL CASE, AND ASSERTED US HAD TO PERMIT CONCORDE OPERATIONS BECAUSE OF "TREATY" OBLIGATIONS UNDER PRESENT CIVAIR BILATERAL AGREEMENT. USDEL CHAIRMAN RESPONDED THAT DEL HAD REPLIED TO UK REQUEST TO EFFECT THAT EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS COULD NOT AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND THAT AIRCRAFT CAN OPERATE WHEN THEY MEET APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC LAWS AND STANDARDS.
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